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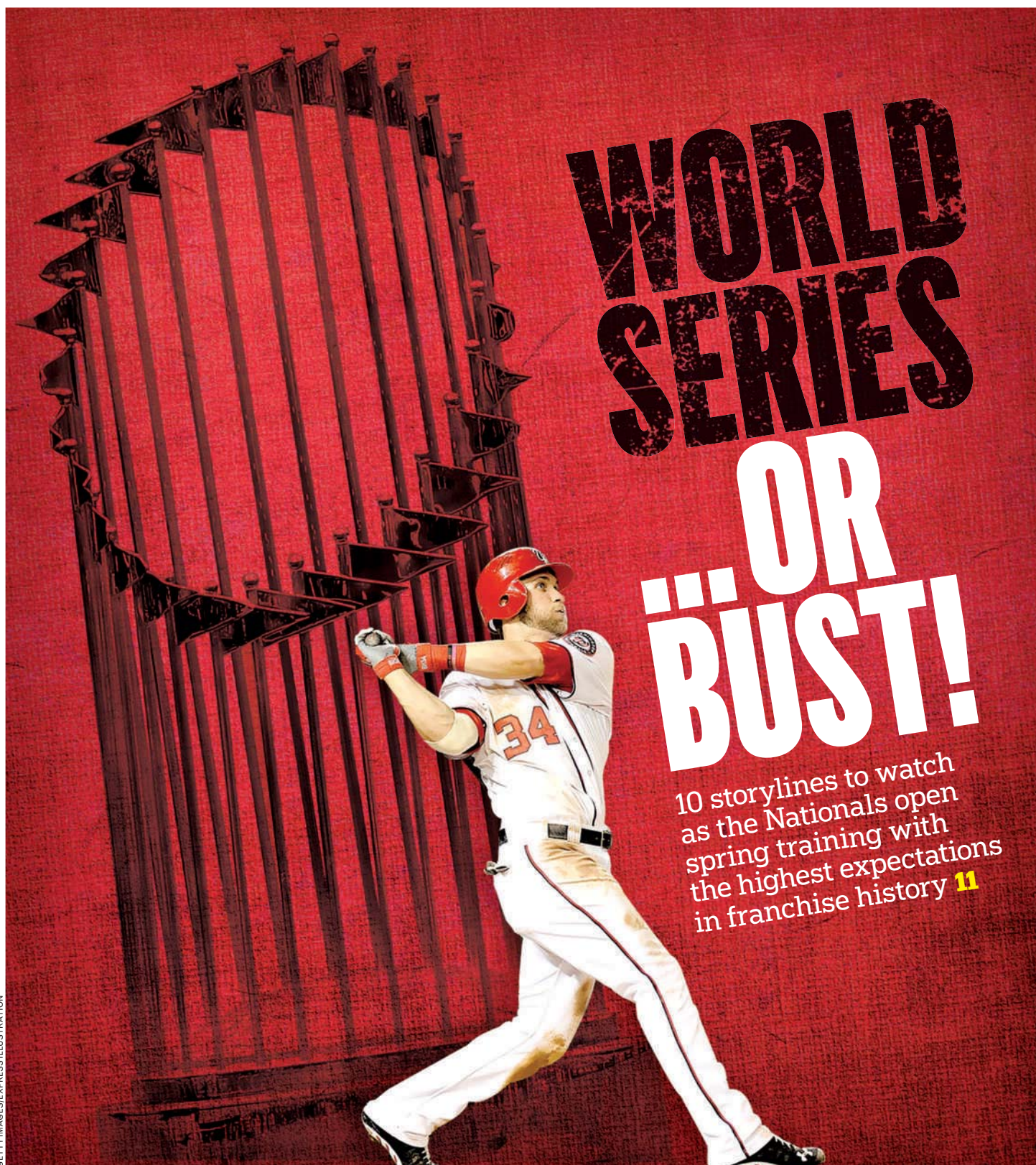
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Boyfriend Misunderstands What 'Fabergé Egg' Means

New York's Department of Environmental Protection is once again offering three Valentine's Day tours of the Newtown Creek sewage treatment plant in Greenpoint, Brooklyn, because of "overwhelming demand." Highlights include the plant's giant, egg-shaped digesters, which break down noxious waste and emit a foul odor. (AP)

GOALS

"My holy grail though is 'Who Wants to Be a Millionaire': It's the ultimate TV quiz."

— DAVID ST. JOHN, A 64-YEAR-OLD MAN WHO HAS BECOME BRITAIN'S MOST PROLIFIC GAME-SHOW CONTESTANT AFTER APPEARING ON 28 SHOWS OVER THE PAST THREE DECADES, THE TELEGRAPH REPORTED TUESDAY

APOCALYPSES

Risky Advertisement for 'The Walking Dead' Goes Awry

The Montana Television Network said that hackers broke into the Emergency Alert System of Great Falls affiliate KRTV and its CW station Monday and broadcast that "dead bodies are rising from their graves" and "attacking the living" in several counties. The alert warned people not to "approach or apprehend these bodies." The network said there is no emergency. (AP)

The Big Picture



OVER EASY: A competitor loses control of his pancake while participating in the Shrove Tuesday pancake race at the National Cathedral in Washington. Racers used frying pans to flip a pancake three times while running about 33 yards against fellow competitors. Shrove Tuesday, or Mardi Gras, is the day preceding Ash Wednesday, the first day of the Christian season of Lent.



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Obama Pushes Economic Goals

President: My plan will create jobs and not swell the deficit

Washington

Pledging to revive a “rising, thriving middle class,” President Barack Obama promised Tuesday night to create solid new jobs without raising the federal deficit. He’s calling for a “smarter government” but not a bigger one.

In excerpts released ahead of his State of the Union address, Obama called job creation his “North Star” and implored a divided Congress to center its work on attracting more jobs to the U.S., equipping Americans to compete for those positions and making sure hard work leads to a decent living.

“It is our unfinished task to restore the basic bargain that built this country — the idea that if you work hard and meet your responsibilities, you can get ahead, no matter where you come from, what you look like, or who you love,” Obama said.

The president said his proposals to increase spending on manufacturing, infrastructure and clean-energy technologies would be fully paid for, though he did not specify in the excerpts how he would offset the cost of his proposals.

Speaking before a divided Con-

“It’s not a bigger government we need, but a smarter government that sets priorities and invests in broad-based growth.”

— PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA, IN HIS STATE OF THE UNION ADDRESS ON TUESDAY



CHARLES DHARAPAK/AP

Republican Response

Florida Sen. Marco Rubio was scheduled to deliver the Republican response to President Barack Obama’s address in both English and Spanish, a move that comes as the GOP looks to connect with Latino voters. Ahead of his speech Tuesday, Rubio said he would emphasize Republican approaches to improving the economy as an alternative to Obama’s “big government” second-term agenda. (AP)



Tea Party Response

Kentucky Sen. Rand Paul said Washington acts in a way that your family never could — spending money it doesn’t have and borrowing from future generations, according to excerpts from his tea party response.



gress Tuesday night, Obama also announced a major reduction in U.S. military forces in Afghanistan, withdrawing 34,000 troops within a year, half the total deployed there.

Though Obama devoted less time to foreign policy this year, his announcement on the draw-down was highly anticipated and puts the nation on pace to formally finish the war by the end of 2014.

He also rebuked North Korea for defying the international community and launching a nuclear test less than a day before Obama’s remarks.

Obama also pressed Congress to overhaul immigration laws, and he made an impassioned plea for stricter gun laws, including a ban on assault weapons.

But the economy took center stage, as it has each time Obama has stood before lawmakers and a national audience for the annual address. Despite marked improvements since he took office four years ago, the unemployment rate is still hovering around 8 percent and consumer confidence has slipped.

“Nothing I’m proposing tonight should increase our deficit by a single dime,” Obama said. JULIE PACE (AP)

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Tuesday’s State of the Union address began after Express’ deadline. Get full coverage at washingtonpost.com.

In Brief

WILMINGTON, DEL.

Police: Del. Gunman Was Victim’s Ex-Father-in-Law

Thomas Matusiewicz, a 68-year-old man whose son was engaged in a bitter custody battle, was identified Tuesday as the gunman who opened fire in a Delaware courthouse lobby, killing his former daughter-in-law and another woman. Investigators were awaiting autopsy results Tuesday to determine whether Matusiewicz was killed by police or shot himself. (AP)

WASHINGTON

Violence Against Women Act Passes the Senate

By a robust bipartisan majority, the Senate voted Tuesday to renew the Violence Against Women Act with new assurances that gays and lesbians, immigrants and Native American women will have equal access to the act’s anti-domestic violence programs. The vote to reauthorize the two-decade-old act turns the focus to the House, where Republican leaders are working to come up with their own version. (AP)

Correction

A Bloglog item about Nationals spring training on page 28 of Tuesday’s edition gave an incorrect day for when pitchers and catchers report. They reported Tuesday.

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Nation

Police: Fugitive Ex-Cop Surrounded

Big Bear Lake, Calif.

A fugitive ex-Los Angeles police officer sought in three killings was believed to be barricaded in a cabin Tuesday after a gunbattle with police in the snow-covered mountains of Southern California, authorities said, the culmination of an intensive nearly weeklong manhunt.

Two officers were injured and were being airlifted to a hospital, the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department said. The Los Angeles Times reported that a deputy died.

Officers have been swarming the snow-covered Big Bear region since Thursday, when they found the burned-out pickup of Christopher Dorner. The former Navy reservist killed a former police captain's daughter and her fiancée and a Riverside officer and injured two other officers, police said, promising to bring "warfare" to Los Angeles police and their family members.

But, until Tuesday, authorities didn't know where Dorner was,



Backstory

Christopher Dorner began his run from the law Feb. 6 after authorities connected the slayings of a former police captain's daughter and her fiancée with an angry manifesto they said Dorner posted on Facebook. His beef with the Los Angeles Police Department dates back at least five years, when he was fired for allegedly filing a false report accusing his training officer of kicking a mentally ill suspect. Dorner, who is black, claimed in his manifesto that he was the subject of racism by the department and fired for doing the right thing. Chief Charlie Beck, who initially dismissed the allegations in Dorner's rant, said he would reopen the investigation into his firing. (AP)

and officers were searching for him across three states and Mexico.

LAPD Cmdr. Andrew Smith said he could not confirm whether Dorner was in the cabin but urged the fugitive to surrender.

"Enough is enough," Smith said. "It's time for you to turn yourself in. It's time to end the bloodshed."

The developments in the nearly weeklong massive manhunt began about 12:20 p.m. Tuesday when deputies in the Big Bear area got a report

of a stolen vehicle. When authorities found the vehicle, the suspect, believed to be Dorner, barricaded himself inside a cabin. A short time later, there was an exchange of gunfire between officers and the suspect.

As of Express' press time, the suspect remained barricaded.

It's also believed Dorner committed a residential burglary of a cabin where a couple was tied up, an officer said. GILLIAN FLACCUS AND TAMI ABDOLLAH (AP)

Stranded Cruise Passengers Face Dirty Conditions

Houston

Passengers onboard a disabled cruise ship being towed to shore by two tugboats in the Gulf of Mexico told relatives they are trying to make the best of a bad situation by sleeping under the stars instead of in their hot cabins and using plastic bags to do "their business."

The Carnival Cruise Lines' Carnival Triumph left Galveston, Texas, for a four-day cruise Thursday carrying 3,143 passengers and 1,086



The Coast Guard patrols the Carnival Triumph on Monday in the Gulf of Mexico.

crew members. On Sunday, the ship was about 150 miles off Mexico's Yucatan Peninsula when an engine room fire knocked out its primary power source, crippling its water and plumbing systems and leaving it adrift on only a backup power.

There were no reported injuries, and the ship is expected to reach Mobile, Ala., on Thursday.

The National Transportation Safety Board said in a statement Tuesday it has opened an investigation. JUAN A. LOZANO (AP)

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The amount Comcast said Tuesday it will pay for General Electric's 49 percent stake in NBC Universal. Comcast CEO Brian Roberts said the company is taking advantage of a "very attractive price." (AP)

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World

N. Korea's Nukes Also a Test of Patience

Third nuclear trial is strategically timed to grab global attention

Analysis

The way North Korea sees it, only bigger weapons and more threatening provocations will force Washington to come to the table to discuss what Pyongyang says it really wants: peace.

It's no coincidence that North Korea's third underground nuclear test — and by all indications so far its most powerful yet — took place Tuesday before President Barack Obama's State of the Union address.

As perplexing as the tactic may seem to the outside world, it serves as an attention-getting reminder

that, though poor, North Korea has the power to upset regional security and stability.

It puts young North Korean leader Kim Jong Un and his circle of advisers right where they want to be: at the center of controversy and the focus of foreign policy.

A year into his nascent leadership, Kim is referring to his father's playbook to try forcing a change on North Korea policy.

During his 17-year rule, North Korea's late Kim Jong Il poured scarce resources into Pyongyang's nuclear and missile programs to use as bargaining chips.

The intent in Pyongyang is to get Washington to treat North Korea like an equal, a fellow nuclear power. The aim of the nuclear and missile tests is not to go to war

Speaking Out

"The danger posed by North Korea's threatening activities warrants further swift and credible action by the international community."

PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA, ON TUESDAY CONDEMNING NORTH KOREA'S THIRD UNDERGROUND NUCLEAR TEST. PYONGYANG'S MOVE IS LIKELY TO TRIGGER A TIGHTENING OF U.N. SANCTIONS.

"North Korea will be held responsible for any consequences of this provocative act."

KIM SUNG-HWAN, SOUTH KOREA'S FOREIGN MINISTER, ON TUESDAY DELIVERING THE U.N. SECURITY COUNCIL'S RESPONSE TO NORTH KOREA'S NUCLEAR TEST

with the U.S. — notwithstanding its often belligerent statements — but to force Washington to respect its sovereignty and military clout.

North Korea has long cited the U.S. military presence on the Korean Peninsula as the main reason behind its need for nuclear weap-

ons. North Korea and the U.S. fought on opposite sides of the bitter, three-year Korean War that ended in a truce in 1953.

Sixty years after the armistice, North Korea has pushed for a peace treaty with the U.S. But when talks fail, the North Koreans turn to speaking with their weapons.

With each missile and nuclear test, experts say North Korea is getting closer to building the arsenal it feels it needs to challenge Washington to change its policy.

In carefully choreographed North Korea, timing is everything, and February is proving to be a strategic month. Pyongyang is already warning that the nuclear test is just the start of a string of provocations if Washington doesn't change its policies. **JEAN H. LEE (AP)**

In Brief

SAO PAULO

Carnival Float Fire Kills 4

A fire on a Carnival float killed four people and injured five in the Brazilian port city of Santos, officials said Tuesday. The float caught fire after it struck a power line as the Sanguê Jovem samba school ended its parade at dawn. (AP)

CAIRO

Police Hold Rare Protests

Hundreds of Egypt's low-ranking policemen staged protests Tuesday demanding they not be used as a tool for oppression. Dozens of policemen rallied in at least 10 provinces in a rare show of dissent. (AP)

LONDON

U.K. Meat Plant Raided

British officials on Tuesday raided a slaughterhouse and meat processing company suspected of selling horse-meat labeled as beef. It was the first time since the scandal broke across Europe that mislabeled horsemeat has been traced to an abattoir in Britain. (AP)

Vatican Preparing for Pope's Retirement

Vatican City

For months, construction crews have been renovating a four-story building attached to a monastery on the northern edge of the Vatican gardens where nuns would live for a few years at a time in cloister.

Only a handful of Vatican officials knew it would one day be Pope Benedict XVI's retirement home.

On Tuesday, construction materials littered the front lawn. The restoration has become more critical after Benedict said Monday that he will resign Feb. 28 and live his remaining days here in prayer.

From a new name to this new home to the awkward reality of having a reigning pope and a retired one, Benedict is facing uncharted territory as he becomes the first pontiff in six centuries to retire.

The Vatican on Tuesday tried to quash notions that Benedict aimed



Media gather Tuesday near St. Peter's Basilica.

to pull strings behind the scenes.

"The pope will surely say absolutely nothing about the process of election," the Rev. Federico Lombardi, a top spokesman, said.

Although no date for a conclave to choose the next pope has been announced, it must begin within 20

days of his retirement. That means a new pope will likely be elected by Easter — March 31.

The decision immediately raised questions about what Benedict would be called, where he would live — and how that might affect his successor.

What's Next for Benedict?

Officials revealed Tuesday that the 85-year-old Pope Benedict XVI has had a pacemaker for years. Benedict said Monday that he would step down but didn't cite a specific health reason. It was not clear whether the retired pope will retain the name Benedict — or revert to being called Joseph Ratzinger again. Vatican officials said he would likely be referred to as "Bishop of Rome, emeritus." Others said it would be up to the next pope to decide his new title and wouldn't exclude that he might be called "Your Holiness" as a courtesy, much as retired presidents are called "President." (AP)

The Vatican's senior communications adviser, Greg Burke, said Tuesday that the fact that Benedict had chosen to live in a monastery is significant.

"I think the obvious thing is when he says retirement, it really means retiring," he said. (AP)

22 The approximate number of years commercial flights to Iraq from Kuwait were banned. Kuwaiti aviation officials announced Tuesday that flights will resume for the first time since the invasion of Saddam Hussein's forces in early 1991. Flights will resume Saturday, Kuwait's civil aviation director said. (AP)

World

France Advances Gay Marriage Bill

Paris

France's lower house of parliament approved a sweeping bill Tuesday to legalize gay marriage and allow same-sex couples to adopt children, handing a major legislative victory to President Francois Hollande's Socialists on a divisive social issue.

The measure, approved in the National Assembly in a 329 to 229 vote, puts France on track to join about a dozen mostly European nations that allow gay marriage and comes despite a string of demonstrations by opponents of the so-called "marriage for all" bill.

The legislation now heads to the Senate in the coming weeks.

With Tuesday's vote, France

Backstory

Polls indicate that a narrow majority of French support legalizing gay marriage, though that support falls when adoption and conception of children come into play. The issue has exposed fault lines between a progressive leftist legislative majority in officially secular France, and the country's conservative religious roots. France already allows same-sex civil unions. (AP)

joins Britain in taking a major legislative step in recent weeks toward allowing gay marriage and adoption — making them the largest European countries to do so. (AP)



LEGISLATION

Cigarette? Nyet.

Russian lawmakers passed a bill by a vote of 441-1 on Tuesday that would ban smoking in public places, a contentious measure in a country with one of the highest smoking rates in the world. The bill would take effect June 1. It must be approved by the upper house of parliament and signed by President Vladimir Putin before becoming law. (AP)



Bid Thee Welcome: Hadi Mezawi, a Palestinian man in the United Arab Emirates, has never been to the Caribbean isle of Dominica, but he's one of its newest citizens after sending over about \$100,000. Mideast turmoil has led to a recent surge of interest in programs to buy citizenship or residence. Such "investor visa" programs are offered by many nations, including the U.S., but some Caribbean nations offer a fast path to citizenship at a very low cost. (AP)

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A man uses his smartphone at a Metro station. The agency said there is on average one or two thefts of devices a day on the system.

Report: Device Thefts Up

Metro has deployed plainclothes officers in high-crime stations

Washington

Thefts of small electronic devices and other personal belongings significantly increased on the Metro system last year, according to a report that will be presented to members of the transit agency's board Thursday.

The agency said there is on average one or two thefts of devices a day on the system.

As a result of these crimes,

Metro Transit Police officers have gone to high-crime spots in the system and posed as regular commuters. The agency has also advocated a program where customers can disable stolen phones or devices.

Pickpockets and snatchings also were up on Metro's bus system. Metro has hired 52 new transit police officers and plans to use 32 of them as increased security on its buses, where drivers have seen a rash of incidents of rock-throwing at vehicles and being spit on and attacked by riders. The rest of the new officers will be for Metro's new Silver Line and for its anti-terrorism security team.

Metro's security report provides crime data from 2012. To view it, visit Wapo.st/XxiDdE. Also in the report:

► Metro reported five homicides in 2012 compared to one in 2011.

► The agency said crime at Metro's parking lots was at an all-time low for the past 10 years.

► The transit agency said it received 99 complaints of sexual harassment. Metro had been criticized for not taking such complaints seriously and launched a public relations campaign to encourage riders to report such incidents.

DANA HEDGPETH AND MARK BERMAN
(THE WASHINGTON POST)

Study Calls Bus Rapid Transit Impractical

Rockville

A 160-mile system of express bus lanes, recommended last year by a Montgomery County task force to help ease some of the nation's worst traffic, is not practical because it would not attract sufficient ridership, a new study concludes.

The Institute for Transportation and Development Policy, a New York firm commissioned by the county, said the MD 355/Rockville Pike is the only corridor where demand for service and plans for new construction justify bus rapid transit.

The task force, appointed in

2011 by County Executive Isiah Leggett, recommended bus rapid transit as a less expensive and more quickly constructed alternative to light rail.

Congestion will have to worsen before drivers ride the bus, the report said.

But development on these routes is not dense enough to generate the necessary ridership, according to the study, which was completed in

December but is now circulating among county officials. Although traffic can be challenging in spots, the travel time drivers would save by taking the bus was only about 10 minutes.

"In Montgomery County, most people can park their cars directly in front of their homes and also very close to their place of work," the study said.

"By contrast, most people would need to walk some distance to the nearest bus stop and wait for a bus with a frequency of greater than 10 to 15 minutes."

BILL TURQUE (THE WASHINGTON POST)

2 Dead After Md. Murder-Suicide

UMd. student with mental illness history shot, killed roommate

College Park, Md.

A University of Maryland graduate student with a history of mental illness shot and killed one roommate near the off-campus home they shared early Tuesday and wounded another before committing suicide, authorities said.

Prince George's County police identified the shooter as Dayvon Maurice Green of College Park, 23, an engineering student.

Green's family told investiga-

tors that he had been suffering from a mental illness for at least a year and had been prescribed medication, police spokeswoman Julie Parker said.

Neither Parker nor University of Maryland President Wallace Loh had any information on whether the university had been made aware of Green's medical history.

Police found a 9mm handgun next to Green's body in the backyard of the home.

He also had a bag of weapons, including a baseball bat, a machete and a semi-automatic handgun. Parker said the handgun was purchased legally in Baltimore County last year.



The roommates lived in this house at 8702 36th Ave. in College Park, Md.

Green had been a NASA student ambassador at the agency's Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt.

The incident began before 1 a.m. Tuesday when two of Green's roommates saw that he had been setting fires inside and outside the home. They began putting out the fires when one of the roommates saw Green pull a handgun from his waistband. The roommate began running but was shot as he ran down the street. That roommate is expected to survive, Parker said.

A second roommate, Stephen Alex Rane, 22, of Silver Spring, died after suffering multiple gunshot wounds outside the home.

Loh called the shooting "a great tragedy for the University of Maryland, for the entire community."

MATTHEW BARAKAT (AP)

In Brief

WASHINGTON

Wells Signals Mayoral Campaign Will Happen



Wells

D.C. Council member Tommy Wells, D-Ward 6, who recently launched an exploratory campaign for mayor, has said Tuesday it is "very likely"

he will transition to a full-blown campaign in the next few months. Wells said that he's moving ever closer to making his run official. "I have found a tremendous amount of encouragement and support from a diverse group," he said. (THE WASHINGTON POST)

ROCKVILLE

Smoking Ban Extended To County Properties

Montgomery County, which already bars smoking in restaurants and workplaces, extended the ban Tuesday to most county-owned or leased property, including county parks and bus shelters. The county council voted to expand the prohibition at the urging of council member Nancy Floreen, a breast cancer survivor. "There is no risk-free level of exposure to secondhand smoke," said Floreen, D-At Large, in a statement.

(THE WASHINGTON POST)

ARLINGTON

Unknown Union Sailors' Bodies Going to Arlington

Navy Secretary Ray Mabus says the remains of two unknown Union sailors recovered from the Civil War ironclad USS Monitor will be interred in Arlington National Cemetery on March 8. Mabus said they could be the last Navy personnel from the Civil War buried at Arlington. The two skeletons were discovered in 2002 in Cape Hatteras, N.C. (AP)

Dems Hope Cuccinelli's Book Hurts Campaign

Richmond, Va.

Attorney General Ken Cuccinelli II's new book hit stores Tuesday with the public readings and promotion you'd expect to accompany a missive from a big-name political author.

The surprise was that the dramatic readings and calls to buy the book came from Democrats, who hope the Republican's book will help sink his gubernatorial campaign.

A handful of Democratic legislators staged a reading of the book, "The Last Line of Defense: The New Fight for American Liberty," in a Capitol Square office building Tuesday.

"Today's speakers will urge Virginians to buy and carefully read the book as an important look at the agenda Cuccinelli would bring with him to the Governor's Mansion if elected," read the Democrats' invitation to the event. LAURA VOZZELLA

AND BEN PERSHING (THE WASHINGTON POST)

Hilton in Talks With CityCenterDC

Washington

Executives at Hilton Worldwide are negotiating a deal with developers of CityCenterDC to build a 370-room Conrad hotel downtown, according to sources familiar with the discussions.

The sources spoke on the condition of anonymity because the negotiations have not been finalized and are subject to confidentiality agreements.

Hilton and the development team declined comment. The first phase of CityCenter is currently under construction and includes offices, condominiums and apartments.

Opening a Conrad hotel on New York Avenue as part of the second phase of the \$950 million CityCenterDC project, would give Arlington native Christopher J. Nassetta,



Developers of CityCenterDC are in talks with Hilton Worldwide to bring a 370-room luxury hotel to the site shown above, according to sources familiar with the deal.

Hilton Worldwide's president and chief executive, a luxury hotel in downtown Washington after he failed to win a bid with the feder-

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Nationals ace Stephen Strasburg says he plans to pitch more than 200 innings this year.

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National Hopes

This week in Viera, Fla., the Nationals are gathering for the first time, a collection of players unlike any in Washington since ... when, exactly? When was the last time Washington was expected to take the pennant, to dominate the league, to win a World Series? As spring training comes to life, here are 10 storylines in a year like no other.

1 "World Series or bust"

Manager Davey Johnson provided the theme of the Nationals' season when he uttered those words at the winter meetings. After they won 98 games in 2012, the Nationals filled their center field hole, beefed up their bullpen, added a veteran starter and gained experience across the board. On paper, they are the NL favorites.

2 Second thoughts

Firstly, Danny Espinosa will have to prove he's healthy. Secondly, even after he ranked among the best second basemen in baseball last year, Espinosa may have to prove he's still the second baseman. Johnson is likely to give Steve Lombardozzi a chance in open competition to wrest the starting second base job from Espinosa.



JAMIE SQUIRE/GETTY IMAGES

3 Zimmerman's shoulder load

All the flashy new players around him may garner the most attention, but the Nationals' ingrained superstar will be under more scrutiny than usual this spring. The Nationals will be eager to see Ryan Zimmerman's throwing after he underwent shoulder surgery in November. Zimmerman expected all winter to arrive in Viera with no limitations.

4 The beginning of Davey's end

Johnson insisted at the outset of the offseason that he did not want the Nationals to make any acquisitions on his account, for the purpose of sending him into managerial retirement with a title. Well, the Nationals have built a team constructed to do just that. At 70, Johnson is not about to change his style, grinning and imperious at once.

5 Picking the 'pen

Rafael Soriano's late addition will give Johnson not only a trio of late-inning artists, but also a difficult choice this spring. The Nationals have seven spots to give eight relievers. The decision figures to come down to Henry Rodriguez, who's returning from elbow surgery, and Craig Stammen, who was excellent last season and signed a two-year, \$2.5 million extension.

Baseball's Top 5 Rotations

With pitchers and catchers reporting this week, who has the best rotation in the majors?

5. Toronto Blue Jays

Toronto has revamped its team so much that it's now the odds-on favorite to win the World Series after going 73-89 last year. The rotation features reigning NL Cy Young winning knuckleballer R.A. Dickey, two-time All-Star Josh Johnson and four-time Gold Glove winner Mark Buehrle. Those three newcomers join Blue Jays holdovers Brandon Morrow and Ricky Romero.

4. Philadelphia Phillies

Last year, the Phillies didn't live up to high expectations, but Cole Hamels had one of his best seasons — going 17-6 with a 3.05 ERA. If former Cy Young winners Cliff Lee and Roy Halladay can rebound from down years, then this could be the best rotation in baseball (much like 2011, when their starters sported an MLB-leading 2.86 ERA).

3. Los Angeles Dodgers

Clayton Kershaw has been the best pitcher in the NL the past two years, leading the majors in ERA both seasons. And now Zack Greinke, who went 15-5 with the Brewers and Angels last year, joins the staff. The fact that it's an odd year is good news for Josh Beckett, who was an All-Star in 2007, 2009 and 2011.

2. Detroit Tigers

Justin Verlander is the best pitcher on the planet. Including the playoffs, he's pitched 538 innings over the past two years. While Verlander led the majors in strikeouts for the third time in four years, teammate Max Scherzer was second with 231 strikeouts in 2012. And Doug Fister is 18-11 with a 2.95 ERA since coming to Detroit in the middle of the 2011 season.

1. Washington Nationals

Gio Gonzalez finished third in the NL Cy Young voting last year, and he's not even the Nats' best pitcher. Of course that's Stephen Strasburg, who said he's ready to be a workhorse after being shut down early in 2012. New to a staff that also includes Jordan Zimmermann (2.94 ERA in 2012) and Ross Detwiler (3.40 ERA in 2012) is three-time All-Star Dan Haren, who struggled last year with the Angels. JEFFREY TOMIK (EXPRESS)

6 Shut down no more

The incessant debate and chatter surrounding an innings limit will not bother Stephen Strasburg this year because there is no innings limit. The Nationals will still handle Strasburg with a measure of care, but he'll be around the entire season. His dominance makes it easy to forget he is still developing as a pitcher.



DILIP VISHWANATH/GETTY IMAGES

7 Harper's encore

Last year, the storyline focused on Bryce Harper's long-shot odds to make the major league roster. Now he's an integral force in the Nationals' World Series hopes. With Denard Span in the fold, Harper can focus on his corner spot, and he'll likely enter the season slotted at third in the Nationals' lineup.

8 Span in the middle

The Nationals will get their first look at the kind of player they have coveted for years — a center fielder who can track down anything and a leadoff hitter with speed and enviable on-base skills.

9 Back end in sight

The Nationals figure to have an excellent back end of the rotation, especially if newly acquired Dan Haren is as healthy as he expects to be. And if the end of Ross Detwiler's 2012 season is any indication, he could assert himself as one of the best young left-handed starters in the league.

10 Waiting on the world

Three key players will leave the Nationals for the World Baseball Classic — Espinosa (Mexico), Gio Gonzalez (U.S.) and Roger Bernadina (Netherlands). They'll have to hold their breath and hope they return without injury.

ADAM KILGORE (THE WASHINGTON POST)

Sports

In Brief



Felix Hernandez's deal is expected to be worth \$175 million over seven years.

MLB

Mariners, Hernandez To Announce Deal

Felix Hernandez and Seattle reached agreement Tuesday on a contract that is expected to make the Mariners ace the highest-paid pitcher in baseball. Hernandez's deal is expected to be for \$175 million over seven years. The Mariners scheduled a news conference for Wednesday afternoon in Seattle, at which time Hernandez is expected to sign the contract. (AP)

NFL

Redskins Hire Burns As Special Teams Coach

The Washington Redskins have hired Keith Burns to be their special teams coordinator. The Redskins announced Tuesday that Burns, 40, will replace Danny Smith, who left last month to join the Pittsburgh Steelers. Burns spent the past six seasons as the assistant special teams coach of the Denver Broncos. Burns went to high school in Alexandria and was a seventh-round choice by the Broncos in 1994 from Oklahoma State. (AP)

TV Lineup

NBA (7:30 P.M., NBATV) The Celtics' seven-game winning streak without Rajon Rondo ended with a loss to the Bobcats on Monday. Boston tries to get back on track vs. the Bulls.

COLLEGE HOOPS (9 P.M., ESPN)

No. 2 Duke hosts North Carolina in the middle of what has been dubbed "rivalry week."



Nationals pitcher Gio Gonzalez has cooperated with MLB officials investigating a Florida clinic that allegedly supplied players with performance-enhancing drugs.

Gonzalez 'Stunned' by PED Report

Pitcher again denies link to clinic that is under investigation

Nationals

Gio Gonzalez arrived at spring training with the Washington Nationals on Tuesday and maintained that he has not used performance-enhancing drugs.

The Miami New Times reported last month that Gonzalez was among a half-dozen major league players listed as receiving PEDs in purported records of Biogenesis of America LLC, a now-closed anti-aging clinic in Coral Gables, Fla. Gonzalez hopes to be exonerated.

"I feel very confident," the

"Gio's a stand-up, character guy for us in this clubhouse. It's not going to change a thing."

— NATS RELIEVER DREW STOREN

27-year-old lefthander said. "I think that at the end of the day, I've never taken performance-enhancing drugs, and I never will."

Gonzalez, a 21-game winner last year, denied the allegations on Twitter on the day they were reported.

"You're stunned. You're shocked," he said Tuesday. "Your name has been brought up out of

nowhere. You can't do nothing about it. You just have to wait it out and listen to what's going on. You can't jump the gun. You can't jump to conclusions. At the end of the day, you just have to listen in and wait patiently."

Gonzalez said he had been contacted by Major League Baseball officials and that he has cooperated with their investigation. Gonzalez said he has "done everything that they want, and I feel strong with their program and what they're doing, and at the end of the day I'm waiting on them."

Gonzalez's father, Max, also was listed in the purported Biogenesis records.

"There's no connection for the fact that I say my father admitted

that he was a patient there. A legitimate patient," the pitcher said. "And then after that, you know how my father is. ... All of South Florida, all of baseball, knows that my father is the most proud father in baseball. He tells everyone about his son. And that's the best I can say. Other than that, I have no clue why my name was on that list, or on a notebook or anything."

Gonzalez doesn't want the allegations to be a distraction for his teammates.

"I'm going to do my best to keep it away from the locker room," he said. "I don't want any of this to be about me. Again, it's about the organization and it's about the team together." KYLE HIGHTOWER (AP)



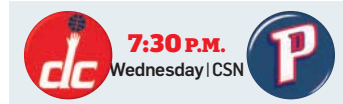
Not Heading South: Alex Rodriguez will not report to spring training with the Yankees' position players and will work on his rehabilitation from hip surgery in New York. The third baseman is expected to be sidelined until at least the All-Star break following the Jan. 16 operation. "I spoke to him last week. He was still barely, I think, on the crutches," Yankees manager Joe Girardi said Tuesday. "There's not a lot that he can do here." (AP)

Defending the Wizards' Identity

Washington has held nine straight teams to under 100 points

Wizards

Having won 11 of their past 18 games, the Washington Wizards are slowly creeping toward respectability, and a big reason for that has been a renewed emphasis on the simple concept of playing good defense.



While the Wizards may be at a disadvantage from a talent or offensive standpoint against upper-echelon NBA squads, a smothering defense can be a great equalizer, something the team has embraced during this stretch of quality play.

Heading into Wednesday's first-half finale at Detroit, Washington has held nine straight opponents to under 100 points and appears to be developing into a rugged defensive unit.

"That's got to be our identity as a team," Wizards coach Randy Wittman said. "That never wavers. Our guys are believing in that. That's



The Wizards forced the Bucks to miss 50 of 73 shots after the first quarter in Washington's 102-90 win Monday night.

kind of been our staple."

In Washington's 102-90 win over Milwaukee on Monday, the Wizards faltered early, allowing the Bucks to shoot more than 60 percent from the floor in the first quarter. But they clamped down the rest of the way, hounding the

Bucks into a 31 percent effort over the final three periods.

Washington is using the pieces it has on the roster — quick guards like John Wall, lanky defenders like Trevor Ariza and physical big men like Nene — to make teams uncomfortable on the offensive end.

"It's a mindset," Wittman said. "You don't have to have a ball go in anywhere on defense. It's just a matter of five guys being connected, and we're connected right now. No question."

The Wizards have bought into Wittman's plan wholeheartedly.

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The Wizards are not very good when allowing more than 100 points. Here's a breakdown of their record this season in relation to the amount of points they've allowed:

- Less than 80 points: 3-0
- Between 80-89 points: 2-7
- Between 90-99 points: 7-13
- 100 or more points: 3-15

Since Wall returned to the lineup, the Wizards are allowing 95.1 points per 100 possessions, best among all NBA teams.

"The main thing to be good in this league, especially as a young team, is to play hard, and that's what we try to do every night. We create offense off of our defense," Wall said.

Washington is still digging out of an offensive hole it created during the absence of Wall and Nene, but if the identity of this team becomes more defense-oriented, that's something the players would embrace.

"Defense is just effort," forward Trevor Ariza said. "You just have to put effort into defense. Scoring the basketball takes a little bit more, so if we continue to give this effort, we give ourselves a chance every night." ELLIOTT SMITH (FOR EXPRESS)

U.S. Wrestlers Blindsided by Olympic Ouster in 2020

Olympics

Rulon Gardner's epic upset of Russian wrestling great Alexander Karelin in 2000 remains one of the most compelling moments of the modern Olympics.

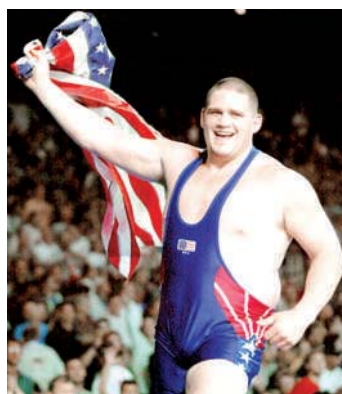
Starting in 2020, youngsters looking to Gardner and Karelin for inspiration won't have a chance to excel on the sport's biggest stage.

Gardner and nearly everyone else associated with the sport in the U.S. were jolted Tuesday when International Olympic Committee

leaders dropped wrestling from the Summer Games.

The move is set to take effect for the 2020 Olympics and eliminates a sport that's been a staple of both the ancient and modern Games.

"It's the IOC trying to change the Olympics to make it more mainstream and more viewer-friendly instead of sticking to what they founded the Olympics on, and that was basically amateur sports," Gardner told the Associated Press by phone from Logan, Utah. "To get the death penalty out of nowhere."



Rulon Gardner's surprising gold-medal win was a highlight of the 2000 Games.

The decision by the IOC to phase out wrestling will rob the U.S. of one of the Olympic sports it's most successful at. The only sports in which the Americans have won more medals than wrestling is swimming and track and field — and those two have far more medal opportunities.

Americans have won a record 113 freestyle Olympic medals, by far the most of any nation. Though the U.S. had slipped in recent Olympic cycles, it bounced back with a pair of London Games gold medalists in

Jordan Burroughs and Jake Varner.

"I do think wrestling people are the strongest in the world, and they're resilient. And we'll come out of whatever happens. But short term, yeah, it's sad," 2004 Olympic gold medalist and Penn State coach Cael Sanderson said.

Wrestling is also one of the most popular youth sports in the U.S. The National Federation of State High School Associations reports that the sport was sixth among prep boys with nearly 275,000 competing in 2010-11. LUKE MEREDITH (AP)

lookout



For Franco-philés
James Franco unveils
new art exhibit in Berlin
— just because he can **27**

Inside Jokes



Character Actor

As a longtime fan of Nick Kroll's stand-up, his acting on "The League" and his podcast appearances, it's been a treat to watch his Comedy Central sketch series "Kroll Show" (Wed., 10:30 p.m.), because it feels so very him.

Over the years, Kroll has birthed a roster of oddball characters, such as



flamboyant craft services coordinator Fabrice Fabrice and Spanish-language shock jock El Chupacabra, whom I've watched evolve from medium to medium. Kroll's Bobby Bottleservice, above, was the uber-guido before there was a "Jersey Shore." He's gone from Web videos (solving mysteries as part of "The Ed Hardy Boyz") to podcasts ("Comedy Bang! Bang!") to Kroll's stand-up special ("Thank You Very Cool," where Bobby played the show's bouncer). Bobby even has his own Twitter feed (@akaBobbyB). Now, he's on "Kroll Show" as a "ghost bouncer" who tries to eject ghouls from homes.

Kroll has created a world where all his characters can live together and interact — like a fast-paced, hyper-referential TV network Kroll runs.

With all his characters, I always wondered what a Kroll-created sketch series might look like. "Kroll Show" is just how I pictured it.

@ For more of Rudi's comedy musings, follow him on Twitter: @rudigreenberg.

Elizabeth Jennings (Keri Russell)

For most viewers, Russell, 36, needs no introduction. In 1998, she burst on the scene, complete with those flowing curls, in the title role of "Felicity," then followed the show up with films such as "Extraordinary Measures" and "Waitress." Still sylphic and long-haired, Russell makes an ideal Elizabeth, who, by turns, is a normal wife and mother, a fear-less operative and a brawler who is fiercely devoted to Mother Russia. (AP)



Meet 'The Americans'



Philip Jennings (Matthew Rhys)

The 38-year-old Welsh-born Rhys is best known from ABC's drama "Brothers & Sisters," where he played lawyer and gay man Kevin Walker. His credits also include the indie film "The Scapegoat" and the BBC miniseries "The Mystery of Edwin Drood." As Philip, he's more conflicted than Elizabeth, even suggesting that they give up the spy game for life as real Americans. (AP)



PHOTOS COURTESY FX

Spies Like Us

Actors Keri Russell and Matthew Rhys lead double lives in FX's 'The Americans'

Television

FX 10:00 It all started with a slap. Trying out for "The Americans," Matthew Rhys took one in the kisser from Keri Russell.

This new FX drama, whose third episode airs Wednesday, focuses on two KGB spies posing as an ordinary American couple shortly after Ronald Reagan became president.

As Philip and Elizabeth Jennings, they have a comfortable home in a Washington suburb, two

sweet kids, a travel agency they run and, by all signs, a solid piece of the American Dream. No one would suspect that they are Russian-born plants bent on burying the United States.

"It's an incredible balancing act to portray: the domesticity of their suburban lives and the struggle of their relationship as an arranged couple, and then the extreme spy stuff," Rhys says.

"We're spies, but how much do you play that reality?" Russell says. "And how do you play the masquerade that you're NOT a spy? There are so many layers to it."

"The Americans" is a good old-fashioned thriller, set in a pre-cellphone, -Internet and -PC world where gumption counts as much as

gadgetry and where the world is an anxious place yet handily divided between Good and the Evil Empire. Meanwhile, the series calls on viewers to root for Philip and Elizabeth as they risk life and limb to advance the Soviet Union's mission.

The script for "The Americans" arrived at Russell's door just days after the December 2011 birth of her second child. Understandably, she wasn't eager to rush back to work.

"But this show was so strange and complicated, I couldn't really figure it out, and I thought, 'That could stay interesting,'" she says.

When Rhys tested opposite Russell, "we were reading the scene in the laundry room from the first episode, where Philip presents the idea of defection," Russell says. "My

character is outraged that he would even consider it.

"There's a slap in that scene," she adds. "The director said, 'Slap him.' So I went for it."

"Strange as it may sound, she slaps incredibly well," Rhys says.

"This show was so strange and complicated, I couldn't really figure it out."

— KERI RUSSELL, ON READING THE SCRIPT FOR FX'S "THE AMERICANS"

Clearly, the two connected.

"And now it's become this ongoing joke," Rhys says. "Keri will slap me — not hard — just before a take, just to see how I react. ... It's a surreal feeling to have the demure, angelic Keri Russell wallop you across the chops at any moment. But it's great!"

FRAZIER MOORE (AP)



Sharp-Dressed Men: Justin Timberlake and Jay-Z are plotting a joint summer stadium tour, according to a report from Rolling Stone. Talks are ongoing, but the co-headlining trek would include at least 10 gigs. Timberlake hinted Saturday on Twitter that something was in the works, writing, "Big news coming after Justin's Grammys performance." Jay-Z appears on Timberlake's "Suit & Tie," which the duo performed at the Grammys. (EXPRESS)

entertainment **lookout**

COURTESY THE DEAD KENNEDYS

**1 Vintage Rage**

People just don't get teed off anymore like the Dead Kennedys did in their '80s heyday. They were mad about the government, jocks, California, mail — take your pick. They looked terrifying, sounded scarier and were not afraid to break bottles on stage. Now the band, which reunited a decade ago, can also be mad that it's missing former vocalist Jello Biafra. **Rock & Roll Hotel**, 1353 H St. NE; Wed., 8 p.m., \$25; Rockandrollhoteldc.com.

2 First: Fried Food Next: Dance Mania

Pass the Peas, Saint-Ex's monthly soul dance night (led by the capable DJ Soul Call Paul), augments the usual sweaty dance offerings with a menu of old-school soul food. Chow down on catfish and cornbread before getting down to songs by James Brown — and his band, the J.B.s, who wrote a song called "Pass the Peas" that supplied the evening's name. **Cafe Saint-Ex**, 1847 14th St. NW; Wed., 6 p.m., free; 202-265-7839, Saint-ex.com. (U Street)

3 Folking Up Everything

With their tweed jackets and banjos, the members of Mumford & Sons seem like they come from a bygone era. But something about the English roots-rockers connects with modern-day audiences, making the group the leading torch-bearers of the so-called new folk movement. **Patriot Center**, 4500 Patriot Circle, Fairfax; Wed. & Thu., 8 p.m., sold out; 703-993-3000; Patriotcenter.com.



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Reality TV's Good Rap

Joe Budden's VH1 show has brought him new fans, but the music still comes first

Personalities

Last Tuesday, New Jersey rapper Joe Budden released his latest album, "No Love Lost," which is on track to move a respectable (if far from blockbuster) 27,000 units in its first week. "A lot of people are saying it's my most cohesive project, my best project to date, and I attribute that to being in a better place than I've been in some time," Budden says.

The day before the album came out, millions watched Budden, a cast member on the VH1 reality show "Love & Hip Hop," enjoy a celebratory meal with his ex-girlfriend. The special occasion was Budden recently passing a drug test. The rapper's fans got to watch him overcome his demons, then experience a product of this success, all within the span of about 48 hours.

Together, the album and the episode offered a satisfying arc, and a rare one: Reality TV is usually about watching our favorite musi-



cians implode, not triumph.

The format can either make an artist, as with "American Idol"-type talent competitions, or break them — often the case when artists sign on for voyeuristic docudramas. Even if a starring role on a reality show doesn't kill a musician's brand, it

often kills the music — see Jessica Simpson's ubiquitous endorsements and irrelevant recording career.

So, how has Budden managed to not only escape the reality curse, but use it to enhance his career?

"I'm 100 percent confident in my abilities and what I do, so this was

just another outlet to raise awareness to allow people to see said talent," Budden says of his reality show casting. He's become a breakout

"I made a conscious decision many years ago to not make music for anyone outside of myself."

star on the series — a look at the exploits of rappers and, more often, their love interests — thanks to his honesty, penchant for speaking like a college poetry professor and some meticulously groomed facial hair.

But Budden says "No Love Lost," a star-filled, diverse collection of tracks, was made for his music fans, with no thought to courting those who found him through the reality show.

"I made a conscious decision many years ago to not make music for anyone outside of myself," he says. "And in that way, whether I have one fan, or a billion fans, they're genuine fans."

SARAH GODFREY (THE WASHINGTON POST)



An Affair With Laughter

Simon Rich's 'Last Girlfriend on Earth' turns love into a joke

Book Review

Treat yourself this Valentine's Day to a box of Godiva chocolates and Simon Rich's hysterical new short story collection, "The Last Girlfriend on Earth" (\$19.99, Reagan Arthur). It just might be the best one-night stand you'll ever have.

Divided into three sections — "Boy Meets Girl," "Boy Gets Girl," "Boy Loses Girl" — the book's lean sketches (Rich is a former "Saturday Night Live" writer) range from the bizarre (a magical, natty goat falls hard for a little English girl) to the deliciously profane (a priest unleashes his inner "bro" to exorcise the ghost of an ex-girlfriend). Some of these tales have appeared in the New Yorker. All will remind you that, when it comes to a good story, size doesn't matter.

In fact, the book's best pieces are no longer than a few pages. "Dog Missed Connections," Rich's hilarious canine variation on the wistful, occasionally creepy Craigslist category, might deliver more laughs per word than anything you'll read this year: "Saw you by the Dumpster, eating a pile of what appeared to be human vomit," posts w4m; "Astoria, alley behind Taco Bell. You seemed like someone who doesn't take himself too seriously."

JOHN WILWOL (THE WASHINGTON POST)

Music for the In Between

Veronica Falls sings anthems for people who are 'Waiting for Something to Happen'

Album Review

The second full-length album from indie pop's Veronica Falls is a tasteful guitar pop set, brighter in tone than their first. The London foursome takes a communal approach to singing its lovely melodies, and

there is nothing remotely discordant about the affair.

The lyrics on "Waiting for Something to Happen" glorify the moments in between and, aligned



with the music, play like anthems for the indecisive. These are songs about tiring of the people you hang



Veronica Falls shows how to best enjoy its new album: by lounging around in a field.

out with, last conversations, the shortcomings of connectivity and the intersection of early adulthood.

It's not that Veronica Falls members shun responsibility ("They

say act your age") or compromise ("Driving late at night/ I let you listen to the music you like"), they just don't want to settle down ("Bury me alive"). JAKE O'CONNELL (AP)

TV tonight **lookout**

BEST BETS

ABC
9:00

Modern Family Phil and Claire bring out their alter egos, Clive and Juliana, for some Valentine's Day fun that ends with Claire in the hospital. Interruptions from the kids derail Jay and Gloria's post-baby plans for romance. And Cam and Mitchell host a lonely hearts party.

NBC
9:00

Law & Order: Special Victims Unit FBI agent Dana Lewis (Marcia Gay Harden, right) works with the SVU in investigating a rape/murder case from 25 years ago that she believes is connected to a series of unsolved crimes.



TNT
10:00



Southland Officer Ben Sherman (Ben McKenzie, left) and his partner, Officer Sammy Bryant, continue dealing with the fallout from the events of last season as the Los Angeles-set police drama returns. Cooper clashes with a war veteran, and Lydia tries to juggle the demands of work and motherhood. (TRIBUNE MEDIA)



COURTESY MOKKOSTUDIO

Another Way to See the World

'NOVA'

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Reality



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The Philippine island of Caravan is the setting for "Survivor: Fans vs. Favorites" (8 p.m., CBS). A group of 10 devoted viewers will make up the Gota tribe, while 10 past contestants will be on the Bikal tribe. Returnees include Phillip Sheppard, above, from the "Redemption Island" season. (UU/TM)

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Excursions

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Still, there's a lot of stuff to see and do inside those 72 suburbs that are said to comprise Los Angeles. Much of what's there is ridiculously expensive, of course. But at the same time, there is an impressive array of cool things to see and do for absolutely nothing, including Hollywood and the beach.

JOHN ROGERS (AP)



1. Hollywood

The intersection of Hollywood and Highland is the crossroads for the Hollywood Walk of Fame, above, where more than 2,400 terrazzo-and-brass stars containing the biggest names in the entertainment business can be viewed by simply walking down the sidewalk (learn more at Walkoffame.com). At the Chinese Theatre, you'll find stars' names — and their hand and footprints — immortalized in concrete (see details at Tclchinesetheatres.com). Last stop, appropriately enough, should be the Hollywood Forever cemetery. It even has a map on its website telling you just where to find the final resting places for punk-rocker Johnny Ramone, director John Huston and dozens of others. For details, visit Hollywoodforever.com.

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2. Downtown

Head to the north side of the Hollywood Freeway, home to the historic El Pueblo de Los Angeles, where the city was founded in 1781. L.A.'s oldest existing house, the Avila Adobe, built in 1818, is located on colorful Olvera Street, left, and offers free tours. A couple of blocks away is Union Station, renowned for its beauty and architecture when it opened in 1939. Visit Elpueblo.lacity.org.



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3. Venice Beach

An afternoon stroll down the 1½-mile Ocean Front Walk will take visitors past one of the most colorful collections of skateboarders, street artists, fortune tellers, jugglers, mimes, acrobats, unicycle riders, actors, dancers, musicians, street preachers and armchair philosophers found anywhere in the United States. Immediately to the west of the walk is a wide expanse of soft, white sand and blue Pacific Ocean. Visit Venicebeach.com.

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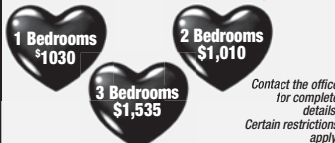
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Blog Log

“If it’s Fat Tuesday, that means I can eat a couple of pizzas without feeling guilty, right?”

—@MALNURTUREDSNAY had some choices to make while celebrating Mardi Gras on Tuesday.

“It’s so perfectly heartbreaking/emotionally vulnerable that we may have to draw our own sad bath in which to bawl.”

—JENNA HALLY RUBENSTEIN AT BUZZWORTHY.MTV.COM offers a review of Rihanna’s new video for her ballad “Stay.”

“When will people organizing live events realize it’s a bad idea to project live tweets on a giant screen?”

—@KATIENOTOPOULOS reacts to seeing a Knight Foundation event Tuesday in Miami at which Jonah Lehrer, a former New Yorker journalist, talked about plagiarizing himself during his career. While discussing his professional failures, a screen on stage showed uncensored tweets insulting Lehrer.

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—SETH AT POSTINGANDTOASTING.COM is confident that the Knicks’ James White will succeed at the 2013 NBA Slam Dunk Contest in Houston on Saturday night.

“So, it’s up at 3:00 a.m., in the gym on the half hour, out by a little after five. On the train just past six a.m., and on the way back home just before 4:30 p.m.

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PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) The experience you gain is worth more than any tangible reward — just as the journey is more essential than the destination.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You don't want to be sorry for something you say today; keep your thoughts in your head unless you know they will be positive.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You'll be struggling to get back on track in some way. Once you do get down to business, you'll experience a kind of rejuvenation.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) What is so compelling to you today is the feeling you get from knowing that you're on the right track; you won't want to stop.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Someone you hardly know will come to you with a request — and a piece of advice that you know you cannot afford to ignore.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You may get into something rather heated with someone else who maintains that you are in over your head. You know where you stand.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) A friend or loved one is in need of something only you can give — you will give it, provided you are aware of the need. Listen up!

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SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Something very big is just around the corner, but you may want to slow down and focus on your own readiness before you face the music.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Whether you are dealing with fact or fiction will make a big difference in your performance today. You must determine which is which.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Avoid any kind of knee-jerk reaction today. The more rational you can be, the better — especially when others are hot under the collar.

Scrabble Grams

PAR SCORE 155-165, BEST SCORE 216

I ₁	Y ₄	T ₁	L ₁	S ₁	H ₄	T ₁
E ₁	I ₁	S ₁	S ₁	W ₄	L ₁	G ₂
A ₁	A ₁	I ₁	L ₁	D ₂	N ₁	V ₄
U ₁	U ₁	H ₄	S ₁	P ₃	R ₁	L ₁

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RACK 1

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RACK 2

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RACK 3

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RACK 4

1st Letter
TripleDouble
Word Score

Yesterday's Solution

T ₁	O ₁	Y ₄	S ₁	H ₄	O ₁	P ₃	RACK 1 =	80
G ₂	L ₁	U ₁	T ₁	E ₁	U ₁	S ₁	RACK 2 =	58
A ₁	P ₃	P ₃	E ₁	A ₁	R ₁		RACK 3 =	10
P ₃	I ₁	N ₁	H ₄	O ₁	L ₁	E ₁	RACK 4 =	65
PAR SCORE 145-155							TOTAL	213

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			3	1			4	5
		3	2		4			8
				8	9	1	3	
3						5	7	2
				3				
5	6	8						1
	1	6	9	2				
9			5		8	6		
7	3			6	1			

Yesterday's Solution

6	9	2	7	4	5	3	1	8
1	5	3	6	2	8	4	7	9
4	8	7	9	3	1	5	2	6
8	6	5	3	9	2	1	4	7
7	3	1	8	5	4	6	9	2
9	2	4	1	6	7	8	3	5
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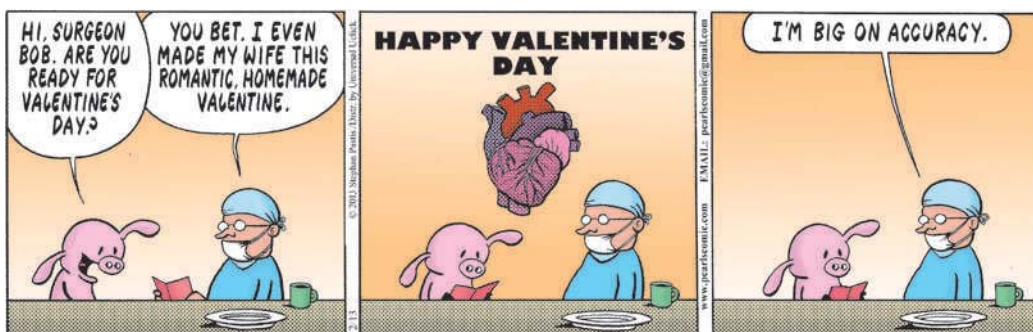
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Comics

POOCH CAFE | PAUL GILLIGAN



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Forecast



Today: Rain beginning today. Rain mixing with then changing to snow tonight.



Tomorrow: Sunshine and patchy clouds tomorrow. Partly cloudy tomorrow night.

Looking Ahead



FRI 52 | **SAT** 36 | **SUN** 39 | 25 | 36 | 25

Sun and Moon

Sunrise today: 7:02 a.m.
Sunset today: 5:43 p.m.
Moonrise today: 8:33 a.m.
Moonset today: 9:43 p.m.

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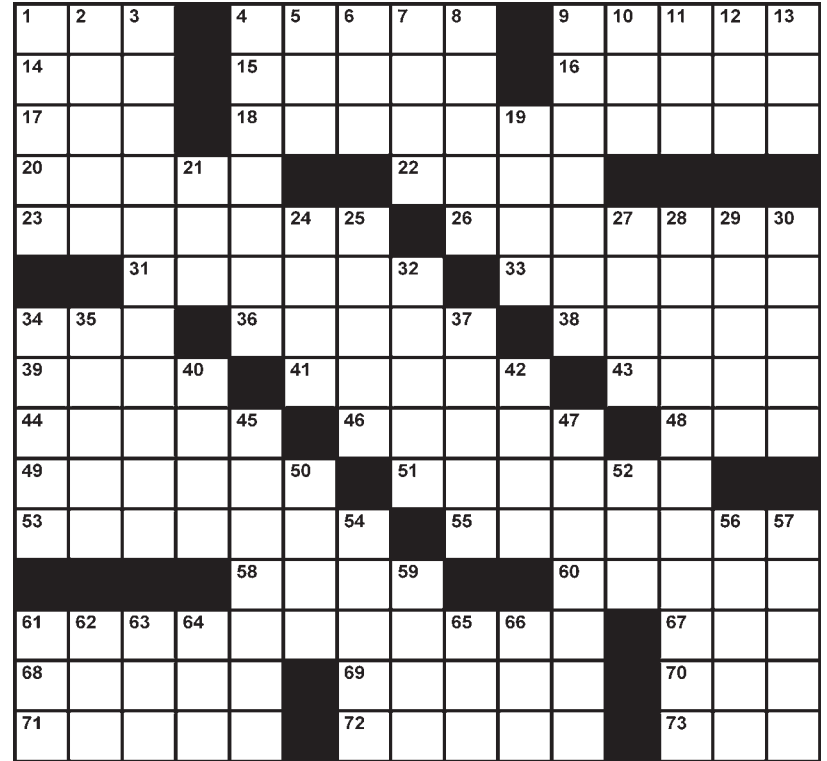
HOW ARE YOU DOING?

ACROSS

- 1 Hobby, slangily
4 Prepare vegetables, say
9 English Channel harbor town
14 Wedding words
15 More than punctual
16 "Concerto for the Left Hand" composer
17 Palindromic exclamation
18 Good thing for a witness to go into?
20 Computer dial-up device
22 Baddie's blade
23 Yes men, in a sense
26 Cold symptom
31 Ninesome
33 Ocean-resort selling point
34 Pseudonym preceder
36 Bird of prey's claw
38 Clasp tightly in distress, as one's hands
39 Pawn to King's Bishop 3
41 Brisk
43 Common cookie
44 Word between "looks" and "everything"
46 Scare off
48 Flat-screen ancestor
49 Madrid madame
51 Jennifer Lopez title role
53 More mouthy
55 Italian side dish
58 Most Masters players
60 Like some trigger fingers
61 Very attractive to the eye
67 Weeder's tool
68 Advice to a sinner
69 Couch with no back
70 Commit a mistake
71 Coveted quality
72 Dance components
73 Abba hit

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Yesterday's Solution



TODAY IN HISTORY

1741 Andrew Bradford of Pennsylvania publishes the first American magazine, "The American Magazine, or A Monthly View of the Political State of the British Colonies."

1920 The League of Nations recognizes the perpetual neutrality of Switzerland.

1960 France explodes its first atomic bomb in the Sahara Desert.



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UH-OH

No 'But I'm Very Happy Now' Qualifier Hurriedly Added

Mila Kunis told Allure she loved being a single lady. "For four years, I was single," she said, calling that period "an amazing time." Kunis dated Macaulay Culkin for nine years and is now dating Ashton Kutcher. Kunis also discussed her policy on nudity, citing "Friends With Benefits" as an example: "I showed side-boob. I don't need to show ass."

(EXPRESS)

SELF-TALK

Laryngitis Is Such A Versatile Excuse

Scarlett Johansson auditioned for the role of Fantine in "Les Misérables," but laryngitis nixed her chances of landing the part, the actress told Broadway.com. "I think looking at the film now, there's no possible way I ever could have topped that performance" by Anne Hathaway. "It was perfect and I think fateful and meant to be." (EXPRESS)



"Laryngitis" is Latin for "Obviously I would have been better than Anne."

Terrible News

**This Book Ranks 36th on Amazon**

Brandi Glanville said on NBC's "Today" show Tuesday that her ex-husband, Eddie Cibrian (now married to LeAnn Rimes), isn't helping her financially. "I had to write this book, I have to pay the bills. He's not doing that for me," she said of her new book, "Drinking and Tweeting: And Other Brandi Blunders." (EXPRESS)



ERNESTO RUSCIO/GETTY IMAGES

James Franco brings the ancient art of mime to the red carpet.

GOTCHA!

Franco Comes Out ... With 'Gay' Exhibit

James Franco debuted the art exhibit "Gay Town" in Berlin on Saturday, E! reported. A news release explained: "'Gay Town' explores a variety of themes central to Franco's artistic practice, mainly issues related to adolescence, public and private persona, stereotypes and other societal concerns such as society's preoccupation with celebrity." (EXPRESS)



INCOME

'Bring Your Daughter to Work Day' Is Out of Hand

TMZ.com reported that 4-year-old Vivienne Jolie-Pitt, one of Angelina Jolie and Brad Pitt's three daughters, earned \$3,000 a week for "Maleficent," in which she plays a young Princess Aurora. (Elle Fanning plays the older princess.) Jolie plays Maleficent in the retelling of the Sleeping Beauty fairy tale. Vivienne also received a \$60 per diem. (EXPRESS)

"We were like, 'This is our project. Leave us alone.' We didn't go to them for advice at all."



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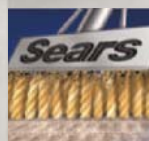


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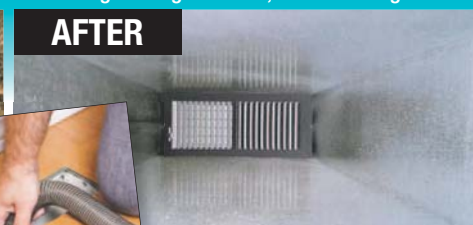
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